

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Ex parte Quayle Action of October 19, 2009, in which a two-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 21, 2009 (December 19 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.